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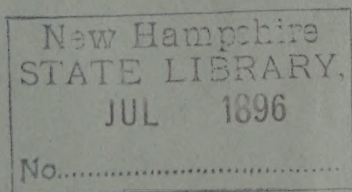
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SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the laws of the State, your Superintendent presents to the citizens of the town the following report of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1883 :—

The general condition of the schools in the past year has been good, and some of them rank among the best. With one exception the same teacher has been employed for the year. Three of the six different ones employed have previously taught our schools, and two belong in our own town.

The school in District No. 1 was taught by Miss Mabel E. May, who fully sustained her former merited reputation. District No. 2, under the charge of Miss Florence S. Knight, a graduate of Cushing Academy, but a teacher of limited experience, the school made creditable advancement. The noticeable features in District No. 3, taught by Miss Hattie C. L. Wilson, were a desire to view a question from all sides and gather facts to strengthen the memory of the pupils, by the teacher, and a determination to excel on the part of the scholars. District No. 4, Summer term, was very acceptably taught by Miss Kate M. Barrett. A little dissatisfaction in regard to the school arose during the term by some of the parents, which an understanding overcame. The Fall term was taught by Miss Mary A. Burpee, who proved as skillful and capable in the management of this school as in another district last year. District No. 5 was taught by Miss

Minnie M. Barrett. The lessons were thoroughly learned and promptly recited with less variations from the daily routine than is customary or expedient.

By referring to the annexed table you will find a deplorable number of absences.

In comparing the school registers of the several districts for the year we find nearly twice as many tardy marks in District No. 1 as in all the others combined. And upon investigation it was found that the teacher in that district called the roll immediately after commencing school and marked those scholars tardy who were not present at that time, while the other teachers did not mark them tardy if they came in during the first ten or fifteen minutes of school.

Question: Do the sessions of school begin at nine and one o'clock each day, or fifteen minutes past those hours? One teacher reports as adopting this custom through fear of displeasing the parents. Supposing the same class recites during the first fifteen minutes of school each day, and a member of that class is absent nearly or quite the length of time given every day in the term, would you as parents of that scholar be satisfied with the progress made in that recitation, and do you wish your children to *learn* to be fifteen minutes late?

Names of scholars neither absent or marked tardy the past year:—Eva M. Blood, E. Leroy Blood, Ola A. Fifield, Frank L. Fifield, Nellie A. Smith, Louis W. Smith, Henry L. Smith, Raymond P. Smith, Minnie E. Bowen, Frank L. Bowen; number not absent or marked tardy for one whole term, 44.

Whole number of visitors, 304; number of visits by committee 2, by superintendent, 24; number of visits made by parents and guardians previous to the examination, 38; largest number in one school, 18; smallest number 0.

The same methods for teaching geography that were commenced last year have been continued with good results. The map of New Hampshire previously furnished each school has been thoroughly studied. The geography of our own town, County and State is familiar to nearly every scholar in town, including the smallest. The improvement in map-drawing over last year is great. Maps drawn from memory in some schools were quite as good as the best ones drawn from a copy last year. The trial for the best map of New Hampshire and Cheshire County, resulted in the drawing of a large number, of which we gave Myra B. Nims credit for the best map of New Hampshire, and Carrie E. Richardson for the best map of Cheshire County. Most excellent maps were drawn of the United States, Europe, and other countries. Specimens of drawings by Elwin Wilcox deserve special notice.

Reading is generally least taught of any branch in our common schools. It is not uncommon for the teacher to call a class in reading, require the pupils to say over the words found in the lesson and excuse the class, little if any benefitted.

To awaken new interest in this branch, some of the most popular magazines were recommended and used in most of our schools in connection with the reader now in use: Monroe's. The most important reason for this action was, to give the children a greater variety of reading of about the same grade. When the children have learned all the pieces in their reader they crave something new, and are often led to take a reader of the next higher grade before they are sufficiently advanced to read it understandingly.

We are convinced from the improvement over last year, that our scholars need more reading of the same grade

than is found in our series of readers. Could we have enough readers to supply each school with different ones, and when read through, exchange with another school, and so on in rotation until each school has had five different readers, (or perhaps a less number would supply the demand, owing to the difference in the size of schools), and the cost but the same as one, we think it would be great benefit to our schools. To do this, it would be necessary for the books to be owned by the town, as is the case to some extent with some of our neighbors.

Pictures designed for school use have been used in every school, from which the smallest scholars were required to write the names of object seen, and the larger ones, a story. The result was, a large number of stories written, and the little ones kept quiet from being usefully employed.

It is customary for the schools to give a public examination at the close of each term, when it is expected that the parents and friends of education will be present. The teacher having carefully studied the capabilities, dispositions and peculiarities of the scholars, during the term, and labored with a will to accomplish the best possible results from material furnished, now stands accountable for the amount learned, manner of reciting the same, general behavior, etc. On this occasion a scholar is not asked to draw a map from memory on the blackboard, not previously studied, or perform an example in arithmetic beyond the rules already learned, or write the analysis of a sentence too complex for his understanding; select reading and the pieces learned for declamation are assigned with discretion, and only those scholars who can sing are invited to join in the school carol. All the exercises are arranged by the model teacher, with due regard for the happiness, promotion, and highest good of *all* the

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	TERMS.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teacher per month, including board.	No. of Weeks School.	No. of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Average Daily Attendance.	No. of Scholars Not Absent.	Absences in half-days.	Instances of Tardiness.	Amount of School Money appropriated, not including Literary Fund.	Incidental Expenses.	Amount Not Expended.	Literary Fund.
1,	Summer, Fall, Winter,	W. M. Leland,	Mabel E. May, Mabel E. May, Mabel E. May,	\$31.00 31.00 31.00	8.8 7.9 7.4	27 30 25	25.65 27.16 23.97	23.61 26.32 23.28	5 3 7	180 254 130	32 35 13	\$185.71	\$4.90	\$5.07	\$7.36
2,	Summer, Fall,	J. N. Nims,	Florence S. Knight, Florence S. Knight,	27.00 28.00	8 12	17 21	16.78 17.47	16.27 16.90	9 2	21 58	4 28	148.57	14.40	5.48	7.36
3,	Summer, Fall,	E. A. Blood,	Hattie C. L. Wilson, Hattie C. L. Wilson,	22.00 24.00	8.6 11.8	9 9	9 9	7 8	4 5	65 66	1 8	116.07	1.05	1.63	7.36
4,	Summer, Fall,	A. P. Tyler,	Kate M. Barrett, Mary A. Burpee,	21.00 22.00	9 10	10 11	9.36 10.64	9.13 10.47	5 5	21 17	2 2	111.43	6.62	10.93	7.36
5,	Fall,	G. M. Bowen,	Minnie M. Barrett,	22.00	13	9	8	7.67	2	43	0	88.22	7.90		7.36

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of Sullivan, respectfully submit the following financial report for the year ending March 1, 1883 :

APPROPRIATIONS

AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1882.

Support of schools,	\$650 00
Repairing highways and bridges,	500 00
To defray town charges,	1 00
Amount of State tax,	480 00
Amount of County tax,	350 82
Rate per cent. money tax, .0076	
Rate per cent. highway tax, .0026	

APRIL INVOICE, 1882.

Total valuation (not including polls),	\$187,610 00
Number of polls, 108.	
Amount of resident money tax assessed,	1,241 09
Amount of non-resident money tax assessed,	266 80
Amount of resident highway tax,	424 59
Amount of non-resident highway tax,	91 28
Amount of dog tax,	16 00
Appropriated to repair school house in District No. 1,	135 00
Amount assessed to repair school house in Dis- trict No. 1,	136 29
Rate per cent. school house tax, .0020.	

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY TO EACH DISTRICT,
INCLUDING LITERARY FUND.

District No. 1,	\$193 07
“ 2,	155 93
“ 3,	123 43
“ 4,	118 79
“ 5,	95 58

SCHOOL MONEY DRAWN.

District No. 1, William M. Leland,	\$188 00
“ 2, Joseph N. Nims,	155 93
“ 3, Edwin A. Blood,	123 43
“ 4, Almon P. Tyler,	110 00
“ 5, George M. Bowen,	79 40

BILLS PAID.

Henry C. Rawson, Selectman,	\$40 25
Daniel W. Rugg, “	29 00
Frederic A. Wilson, “	29 00
Atwell C. Ellis, Town Clerk,	13 00
Amos Wardwell, Town Treasurer,	15 00
Rosabelle S. Rugg, Supt. School Committee,	24 00
Joseph N. Nims, Sexton,	13 50
Marshall J. Barrett, Collector,	35 00

EXTRA LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND
NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

Mason A. Nims,	\$24 19
Henry Davis,	51 12
Elbridge H. Taft,	38 59
Augustus F. Nims,	4 47
Sidney E. Barrett,	26 37
Alonzo Farrar,	38 36
Quincy B. Nash,	30 07
Reuben A. Dunn,	55 49

Alanson A Nims,	\$41 30
Almon P. Tyler,	6 98
Henry C. Rawson,	42 79
Joseph N. Nims,	10 84

MAKING PATHS IN DEEP SNOW.

Henry Davis,	\$6 30
Elbridge H. Taft,	2 90
Mason A. Nims,	8 25
Augustus F. Nims,	16 30
Sidney E. Barrett,	7 80
Alonzo Farrar,	11 64
Quincy B. Nash,	7 20
Reuben A. Dunn,	4 40
Alanson A. Nims,	17 20
Almon P. Tyler,	13 65

BRIDGE PLANK AND STRINGERS.

Elbridge H. Taft,	\$27 60
Goodnow Brothers,	12 40
Austin A. Ellis,	16 32
Ira E. Comstock,	11 32
Henry C. Rawson,	3 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sentinel Printing Co, printing town reports,	\$14 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee, for 1881,	6 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery and order books,	2 70
Amos Wardwell, error in crediting proceeds of town farm, in 1877,	10 00
Addison N. Wilder, sheep killed by dogs,	18 00
Daniel W. Rugg, road-scraper,	52 15
George Thatcher, " "	45 00
Jewett Morse, coffin for Mrs. Chapman,	5 00
George Kingsbury, coffin for Mrs. Rebecca Spauld- ing,	5 00

Hubbard Brothers, coffin for Mrs. Betsey Hubbard,	5 00
Daniel M. Burpee, money to repair school-house,	
in District No. 1,	135 00
Alonzo Farrar, wood,	2 75
Solon A. Carter, State tax for 1882,	480 00
George A. Litchfield, County tax for 1882,	350 82
Lyman Davis, repairing road-scraper,	2 55
D. W. Rugg, guide-board, post, and setting same,	3 00
Marshall J. Barrett, abatement of taxes, for 1881,	4 01
Marshall J. Barrett, “ “ “ 1882,	76

TOWN FARM.

Income,	\$60 28
Tax,	3 04
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Paid to Treasurer,	\$57 24

DANIEL W. RUGG,
HENRY DAVIS,
JOHN LOCKE,

Selectmen of Sullivan.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SULLIVAN, MARCH 1, 1883.

Town of Sullivan, in account with Leslie H. Goodnow,
Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1883 :

Cash and uncollected taxes,	\$965 23
Savings bank tax,	667 58
Literary fund,	36 80
Proceeds of town farm,	57 24
Error,	5 39
Interest on taxes, 1880,	16 42
Taxes of 1882,	1,751 46
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	\$3,500 12
 Amount of orders paid,	 \$2,569 53
Uncollected taxes,	523 52
Cash to balance,	407 07
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	\$3,500 12

SULLIVAN, MARCH 1, 1883.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report
and find it correct.

LYMAN DAVIS, *Auditor.*

SULLIVAN, MARCH 1, 1883.

Having settled with the Selectmen, I find in my hands this
the 1st day of March, 1883 :

Cash,	\$407 07	
Uncollected taxes,	523 52	
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Total assets of town,		\$930 59

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Amount due School Dist. No. 4,	\$157 27	
Estimated outstanding accounts,	200 00	
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		\$357 27
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Assets above liabilities,		\$573 32

LESLIE H. GOODNOW, *Treasurer*.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing settlement, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

LYMAN DAVIS, *Auditor*.

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